

if arguendo it would have been obvious to combine GS in a vector with another gene, it would clearly not have been obvious to combine it in such a way that the GS gene could be made to co-amplify the other gene. Applicants respectfully submit that as amended claim 95 is comparable to method claim 75, which is clearly free of the prior art. Applicants therefore respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the rejection of claim 95 under 35 U.S.C. §103.

In view of the above amendment, and for the reasons discussed, applicants respectfully submit that their application is now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney if any minor matter remains.

Respectfully submitted,



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